

<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>
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ATTY. DOCKET NUMBER REP-0022-P SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ FILED \_\_\_\_\_  
 FIRST INVENTOR: Pfau et al. TITLE SPRING SUSPENSION MAT

EXAMINER \_\_\_\_\_ ART UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

1. ☒ Applicant submits herewith a copy of (a) attached form PTO-1449, which lists all patents, publications, applications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office; (b) a legible copy of each document required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98(b)(2).
2. ☐ Applicant herein apprises the Patent Office of references cited in a parent U.S. application from which this application obtains the benefit of an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. The Serial Number of the parent application is U.S. Application \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ and entitled \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The publications cited therein are listed on attached Form PTO-1449. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) copies of the listed publications are not required. ☐ Additional parent patent applications are listed on an attached sheet.
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10. ☒ In the event the Commissioner of Patents deems that any additional fee is required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 in connection with this application, Applicant's attorneys authorize that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.
11. Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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		GB 2,055,173	25.02.1981	Great Britain				
		WO 93/03652	04.03.1993	International				
		WO 96/39906	19.12.1996	International				
		WO 00/11989	09.03.2000	International				

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		DE 650903	04.10.1937	Germany				
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		DE 883678	20.07.1953	Germany				

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		DE 1975358U	21.12.1967	Germany				
		DE 2015659	31.10.1974	Germany				
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		FR 906.564	14.01.1946	France				
		FR 955.776	18.01.1950	France				
		FR 1.012.674	16.07.1952	France				
		FR 1.074.160	04.10.1954	France				

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GB 614,133	09.12.1948	Great Britain				
GB 614,272	13.12.1948	Great Britain				
GB 917,563	06.02.1963	Great Britain				
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